

A. STATE-AT-A-GLANCE

1) Program Operation	County.
2) Number of Local Offices (excluding Agencies under Cooperative Agreements)	Eighty-eight (one in each county).
3) Type of Agencies with Cooperative Agreements	County prosecutor or other legal service provider; juvenile court referee or common pleas court referee; clerk of court; genetic testing laboratory.
4) Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	No.
5) Agreements With Tribal Entities	No.
6) Age of Majority for Termination of Support	18 or graduated from high school, whichever occurs later.
7) Statutes of Limitation:	
• Collection of Past Due Support	n/a
• Paternity Establishment	Up to age 23
Dormancy Revival/Renewal Possible [yes/no]	n/a
8) Guidelines	Income Shares
9) Interest Rates on	-
• Missed Payments	n/a
• Retroactive Support	n/a
• Adjudicated Arrearage	The court assesses interest if the court determines willful default.
10) Arrearage Collections for Non-minor Child(ren)	Yes, through wage withholding, contempt, and all other Division D enforcement orders.
11) Distribution Scheme	-
• AFDC Arrears	With the exception of collections from federal and state income tax refunds, AFDC arrears are satisfied only after non-AFDC arrears are fully satisfied.
• Non-AFDC Arrears	With the exception of collection from federal and state income tax refunds, non-AFDC arrears are satisfied before AFDC

	arrears.
12) Procedures Regarding Medical Support Using Income Withholding	Yes.
13) New Hire Reporting	Yes.
14) Recovery of Costs Elected Under State Plan	No.
15) Recovery of Costs for Initiating State	Yes.
16) Long-Arm Statute/s Citation/s	Ohio Revised Code §2307.381 to §2307.385
17) Automated Locate Resources	Yes.
18) Enforcement Options	
• State Income Tax Refund Intercept	Yes.
• License Revocation/ Suspension	Professional licenses effective 11/15/96. Commercial and drivers' licenses effective upon full implementation of statewide automation.
• Administrative Liens	No.
• Property Seizure & Sale	
• State Funds/Benefits (please specify)	Retirement
• Other (please specify)	We intercept a variety of forms of income, for example, lotter winnings.
19) Spousal Maintenance Orders <i>(specify yes or no)</i>	-
• Establish	n/a
• Enforce	
• Modify	n/a
20) Current Spouse/Partner Information Required	

B. UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

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1) State Code Citation	No.
2) Effective Date	No.
3) Adopted Verbatim? If no, list differences.	No.
4) Repeal URESA?	No.
5) Repeal IWW?	No.

C. INCOME WITHHOLDING

1) Income Withholding Terminology	Wage withholding or income withholding.
2) Income Withholding Procedures	
• State Withholding Limits	Maximum amount withheld cannot exceed limits set by Consumer Credit Protection Act.
• Fee Charged by Employers	\$2.00 or an amount not to exceed 1% of amount withheld for support, whichever is greater.
• Date to Remit	Immediately, but not later than ten days after the date the obligor is paid.
• Penalty	The employer is liable for the accumulated amount the employer should have withheld from the obligor's wages. Other employer violations carry penalties of fines and/or contempt.
3) Definition of Employer	Statute does not define employer for the purpose of wage withholding. No employee is excluded.
4) Included Income	Personal earnings, wages, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, pensions, annuities, funds on deposit with a financial institution.
5) Excluded Income	Anything not named above.
6) Direct Income Withholding for Unemployment Compensation, include address	No.
7) Direct Income for Workers' Compensation, include address	No.
8) Direct Income Withholding, other income sources subject to, include address	No.
9) Direct Income Withholding, list Other Income Sources NOT	No.

subject to	
10) Federal Withholding (See Federal Pay Agents Section)	IV-D Directors need not answer this question.
11) Procedures for Contesting Income Withholding	Obligor may request a mistake-of-fact hearing.
12) Arrearages through Income Withholding	Yes; maximum amount withheld cannot exceed limits set by Consumer Credit Protection Act.
13) Enforcing Against Non-Resident Obligor Asset/Income	Yes.
14) Exception to Immediate Withholding	None.
15) Multiple Obligations Withholding Priorities	
• Policy	Employers must allocate current support on a proration basis, without exceeding the Consumer Credit Protection Act.
-- Priority	A child support withholding notice has priority over any other order of attachment.
-- Assistance	
-- Allocation	Ohio Revised Code 3113.21(F). Allocate using a fraction in which the numerator is the amount of income available for withholding and the denominator is the total amount designated in all of the notices as current support.

D. PATERNITY

1) Interstate Paternity Procedures	Yes- Relies on other states determination. Judicial or Administrative
Consent Orders Obtained	Yes.
2) Uniform Parentage Act	Yes.
3) Uniform Act on Blood Testing	Yes.
4) Parentage Order Available Without Order for Support	Yes.
5) Custody/Visitation Addressed Subject to Tribunal's Jurisdiction	No.
6) Genetic Test Results as Presumption of Paternity	Yes.
Threshold	95% or greater.
7) Paternity Acknowledgment as Presumption of Paternity (Rebuttable/Conclusive)	Yes. Rebuttable.
8) Marriage as Presumption of Paternity	Yes.
9) Putative Father's Name on Birth Certificate, Effect of	Presumption of paternity and a basis for establishing a support order.
10) Other Statutory Presumptions	Voluntary acknowledgment.
11) Recognition of Common Law Marriage	No.
12) Personal Appearance of Witness or	No.

Custodial Parent Required	
Acceptable Methods of Testimony	-
13) Long-Arm Statute	Yes.
14) Assistance to Other States Using Their Long-Arm Statutes	-
-- Service of Process	Yes. Send with completed Child Support Enforcement Transmittal; check Block 13, Other, Service of Process.
-- Genetic Testing	No. Assistance should not be required. If problems such as non-cooperation are encountered, send URESA paternity request.
15) Recovery of Genetic Testing Costs for Other States	Yes.

E. SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT

1) Interstate Procedures	Judicial and administrative via URESA petition.
2) Income Considered for Setting Support	All sources of income considered except for means tested income.
3) Criteria for Rebuttal	30 days from issuance of recommendations to dispute calculations.
4) Support Order for Prior Periods	Yes.

F. ENFORCEMENT

(Note: If multiple orders, see Part “G”)

I. ENFORCING YOUR OWN ORDER

1) Enforcement for Non-Resident Family	No.
2) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available	No.
3) Judicial Procedures and Remedies Available with Registration	No.

II. ENFORCING OTHER STATES’ ORDERS

4) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available Without Registration	Interstate Income Withholding Procedures - Income withholding on existing Ohio and foreign support orders carried out judicially by county; requests are forwarded by Central Registry to local jurisdiction; local court issues wage withholding order binding on current and subsequent employers.
5) Judicial/Administrative Remedies with Registration	Administrative wage/income withholding and review and adjustment and any other administrative procedures that become available for within state orders.
6) UIFSA/URES A Registration and Enforcement Procedure	<u>Registration</u> URES A petition to register foreign support order forwarded to Ohio county where obligor resides. Three certified copies of order with all modifications;

	<p>1 copy of reciprocal enforcement of support act of State in which order was made; statement verified and signed by obligee, showing post office address of obligee, last known place of residence and post office address of obligor, amount of support remaining unpaid, and description and location of any property of obligor available upon execution; list of States in which order is registered.</p> <p><u>URES A Enforcement</u></p> <p>URES A petition filed in responding court; respondent served and hearing date set.</p> <p>Documents Required in Addition to Mandated Forms and Number of Copies Needed</p> <p>- Page 4a of General Testimony notarized or certified payments history.</p> <p>- 3 certified copies of all support orders and modifications thereof.</p>
7) Judicial Procedures Required after Registration	<p>Upon registration, the registered foreign support order is treated in the same manner as a support order issued by a court of this state. It has the same effect and is subject to the same procedures, defenses, and proceedings for reopening, vacating, or staying as a support order of this state and may be enforced and satisfied in like manner.</p> <p>At the hearing to enforce the registered support order, the obligor may present only matters that would be available to him as defenses in an action to enforce a foreign money judgment. If he shows to the court that an appeal from the order is pending or will be taken, or that a stay of execution has been granted, the court stays enforcement of the order until the appeal is concluded, the time for appeal has expired, or the order is vacated, upon satisfactory proof that the obligor has furnished security for payment of the support ordered as required by the rendering state.</p> <p>If he shows to the court any ground upon which enforcement of a support order of this state may be stayed, the court stays enforcement of the order for an appropriate period if the obligor furnishes the same security for payment of the support ordered that is required for a support order of this state.</p>
i 8) Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act Citation	<p>Yes. Though not currently used for child support enforcement.</p>

G. MODIFICATION/REVIEW & ADJUSTMENT OF ORDERS

1) Jurisdiction Requirements	The order must be reviewed and adjusted in the initiating jurisdiction.
2) Modification Procedures	Completed within 180 days of request with an opportunity to challenge outcome with a hearing.
3) Criteria for Modification	10% variance in the support award calculated using

	the guidelines.
4) Criteria for Change of Circumstances	30% change in income and resources for at least six months.
5) Frequency With Which Reviews are Conducted	Every 36 months or sooner if 30% change has occurred.
6) Criteria for Review	36 months or 30% change in income and resources.
7) Criteria for Adjustment	10% variance.

H. MULTIPLE ORDERS ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION

1) Controlling Order	Courts are encouraged to adopt the most recent order. The most recent order is used in public assistance related cases for completion of the distribution process. If the Court is unwilling to adopt the most recent order, arrears continue to accrue based on the Ohio order and may be enforced through any remedies available.
2) Date of Controlling Order	Courts are encouraged to adopt the most recent order. The most recent order is used in public assistance related cases for completion of the distribution process. If the Court is unwilling to adopt the most recent order, arrears continue to accrue based on the Ohio order and may be enforced through any remedies available
3) If No Controlling Order	Where there is no controlling order, Ohio would proceed to establish a new support obligation, incorporate any arrears certified under previous orders and establish a payment on those arrears.
4) Arrears Procedure	Courts are encouraged to adopt the most recent order. The most recent order is used in public assistance related cases for completion of the distribution process. If the Court is unwilling to adopt the most recent order, arrears continue to accrue based on the Ohio order and may be enforced through any remedies available

I. Documentation Required to Initiate Requests

Section I. and J. should be self-explanatory. If you need assistance, contact Hope Butler at 202-401-9391.

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each docu- ment	Certifi- cation required for each docu- ment *See below
Establishment of Paternity and Support	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal, General Testimony, Paternity Affidavit, Uniform Support Petition, Certificate & Order, URESA Law, Birth Certificate.	1 3 3 3 1	B A A C E
Enforcement of Responding State's Order	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal	1	B
Administrative Enforcement of Another States' Order	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal Support Order and Modification thereof and/or Wage Withholding Order/Notice Income Withholding Statute	1 3 1	B C E
Registration for Enforcement of Another States' Order	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal General Testimony, Uniform Support Petition, Certificate and Order, Support Order and all modifications, Payment history - URESA Law	1 3 1	B C A
Collection of Arrearages in Multiple Orders	Separate petitions - Transmittal, General Testimony, Uniform Support Petition, Certificate & Order, Support Order and all Modifications, Payment History	1 3 3 3 1	B A C C C
Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act	Not currently used for child support enforcement		
Modification of Another State's Order	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal requesting review and adjustment income and expense verification, support orders and modifications, payment history	1 1 3 3	B E C C
Status Update on an Existing Interstate Case	Letter on Transmittal to responding Ohio County. If no response, letter or transmittal to Central Registry.	1	E
Assistance/Discovery	Contact local responding county to determine documentation required.		

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Quick Locate	Locate Data Sheet	1	E

**A= Notarization by Notary Public; B= Certification by signature of agency official;
C= Certification by signature of court official; D= Others (please specify);
E= Certification not required*

J. State Contact Chart

ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CONTACT Name, Title, Address, Phone, Fax, E-mail (include 800 if applicable)
State Information Agent	Ohio Department of Human Services Office of Family Assistance & Child Support 30 E. Broad Street - 31st Floor Columbus, Ohio 43266-0423 (614) 752-6567 Fax (614) 466-6613
Central Registry	Carol Nelson Ohio Department of Human Services Office of Family Assistance & Child Support 30 E. Broad Street - 31st Floor Columbus, Ohio 43266-0423 (614) 752-6567 Fax 614) 466-6613
Interstate Policy Contact (if different)	Dave Raymond Ohio Department of Human Services Office of Family Assistance & Child Support 30 E. Broad Street - 31st Floor Columbus, Ohio 43266-0423 (614) 752-6567 Fax (614) 466-6613
Contact for Information Regarding Your States Long Arm Statute and Process	Carol Nelson Ohio Department of Human Services Office of Family Assistance & Child Support 30 E. Broad Street - 31st Floor Columbus, Ohio 43266-0423 (614) 752-6567 Fax (614) 466-6613
Contact for Information Regarding Collection and Distribution (State level)	Carol Nelson Ohio Department of Human Services

	Office of Family Assistance & Child Support 30 E. Broad Street - 31st Floor Columbus, Ohio 43266-0423 (614) 752-6567 Fax (614) 466-6613
Contact to Obtain Payment Records	Carol Nelson (For address and telephone number of local county of jurisdiction). Ohio Department of Human Services Office of Family Assistance & Child Support 30 E. Broad Street - 31st Floor Columbus, Ohio 43266-0423 (614) 752-6567 Fax (614) 466-6613
Contact to Obtain Copy of Order	Carol Nelson (For address and telephone number of local county of jurisdiction). Ohio Department of Human Services Office of Family Assistance & Child Support 30 E. Broad Street - 31st Floor Columbus, Ohio 43266-0423 (614) 752-6567 Fax (614) 466-6613
Contact for States Using Their Long Arm Statutes or Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (no “case” in your State) for	Carol Nelson (For address and telephone number of local county of jurisdiction). Ohio Department of Human Services Office of Family Assistance & Child Support 30 E. Broad Street - 31st Floor Columbus, Ohio 43266-0423 (614) 752-6567 Fax (614) 466-6613
· Service of Process (private process server? If so , list)	Carol Nelson (For address and telephone number of local county of jurisdiction). Ohio Department of Human Services Office of Family Assistance & Child Support 30 E. Broad Street - 31st Floor Columbus, Ohio 43266-0423 (614) 752-6567 Fax (614) 466-6613
· Genetic Testing (e.g. assistance with interstate teleconferencing)	Carol Nelson (For address and telephone number of local county of jurisdiction). Ohio Department of Human Services Office of Family Assistance & Child Support 30 E. Broad Street - 31st Floor Columbus, Ohio 43266-0423 (614) 752-6567 Fax (614) 466-6613
New Hire Reporting Contact	Rose Riley, Chief Bureau of Direct Services Ohio Department of Human Services Office of Family Assistance & Child Support 30 E. Broad Street - 31st Floor Columbus, Ohio 43266-0423 (614) 752-6567 Fax (614) 466-6613
Employer Assistance Contact	Cleveland Operations Center (800) 208-8887
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Status</i> Requests	None

(if any)	
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Payment</i> Requests (if any)	None
Privatization Contact	Rose Riley or Geoffrey Brown Bureau of Direct Services Ohio Department of Human Services Office of Family Assistance & Child Support 30 E. Broad Street - 31st Floor Columbus, Ohio 43266-0423 (614) 752-6567 Fax (614) 466-6613